(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the seminar in this regard ;

(c) the names of the countries which participated in the seminar and the names of the representatives of India ;

(d) whether Government have decided to formulate a national information policy; if so, by when it is expected to be announced, ; and

(e) what are the existing guidelines in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c) According to press reports, the Indian Coastal and Offshore Research Organisation (INCOR) organised at Visakhapatnam a five-day seminar from 16th December, 1985 on "Information Systems for sub-national Development". Full details of the recommendations made by the Seminar including the list of participants are being collected and would be placed on the table of the House.

(d) and (e) Formulation of a National Media Policy is under consideration. In view of the complexities and time consuming process involved in consulting various official and non-official agencies in the field, it is rather difficult to precisely indicate at this stage the date by which the proposed National Media Policy can be finalised.

Increase in revenue due to increase in fertiliser prices

549. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of additional revenue expected to be realised through the latest price hike of all kinds of fertilizers ; and

(b) whether Government propose to stop subsidy on fertilizers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) It is estimated that about Rs. 400 crores will be realised during 1986-87 through the price revision of all kinds of fertilizers announced on 31-1-1986.

(b) At present there is no such proposal to stop subsidy on fertilisers.

Atrocities on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

550. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 730 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1985 and state :

(a) what is the number of incidents involving atrocities against the Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes, State-wise, during the period from July to December, 1985;

(b) what is the total number of cases involving murders of people belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the same period; and

(c) what is the total number of incidents involving rape of SC and ST women, State-wise during the same period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

[*See* Appendix *CXXXVII*, Annexure No. 10]

Upgradation of capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant

551. SHRI S.W. DHABE :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a trade union in Bokaro Steel Plant has suggested to Government to

upgrade the capacity of the plant to 10 million tonnes ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C.PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steel Authority of India Limited is currently implementing an expansion programme for increasing the capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant from 1. 7 million tonnes to 4.0 million tonnes of ingot steel per annum. There is no proposal to expand the capacity of the Plant beyond the 4.0 million tonnes stage.

Production of fertilizers

552. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the target of production of fertilizers during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) whether this target was achieved and ;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) the annual target of production during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 was as follows :

	Target of production (in lakh tonnes)	
	Nitrogenous Fertilizers (N)	Phosphatic Fertilizers (P)
1983-84 . .	38.00	11.00
1984-85 . .	37.5	11.25

(b) While the production of both the Nitrogenous and Phosphatic fertilizers was in excess of the annual target during the year 1984-85, the production during 1983-84 fell short of the annual target fixed for that year.

(c) Power cuts/restrictions and equipment problems were the major factors responsible for the shortfall as compared to the target for 1983-84.

Development of new varieties of foodgrains by ICAR

553. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed during the last five years any new varieties of paddy, wheat and other food-grains which provide more yield to the farmers in terms of quantity: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed during the last five years a number of varieties of various food crops viz. paddy, wheat, maize, sorghum, bajra, small millets and pulses which not only give more yield but are of short duration and improved nutritional value. Some of the most popular